

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**IMPROVED USER INTERFACE USING SPEECH GENERATION TO ANSWER
CELLULAR PHONES**

5 A method, computer program product, and system for
answering a wireless telephone is provided. In one
embodiment, the wireless telephone receives an incoming
call and then determines whether the user has placed the
phone in automatic call answering mode. If it is
determined that automatic call answering has been
10 selected by a user, then the phone answers the incoming
call by providing the calling party with an indication
that the user will take the call momentarily, such as by
sending a voice message indicating that the user is busy
but will take the call momentarily and instructing the
15 calling party to not hang up. The phone also places
itself into mute mode until the user has taken the
incoming call to prevent the calling party from
overhearing conversations that may be taking place around
the user until the user has determined that it is
20 convenient to take the phone call. In other embodiments,
the wireless telephone allows the user to carry on
conversations without speaking through selection of
appropriate prerecorded or generated phrases.